

Meeting of the AGM of Casterton Community Trust

7.45pm on Thursday 11th April 2019 in Casterton Village Hall

Trustees Present: Chris Dodd (Chairman), Gill Sykes (Secretary), Tom Herd (Treasurer) and Ann Irvine (Founder Trustee). **Trustee elect:** Chris Benson

Apologies were received from Gavin Hazlett and Sandy Talbot

There were nine further members of the village present (Enid and Bill Hastings, Jean Lobley, May and Mel Mackie, Terry and Annie Simpkin, Ken and Jill Humphris) as well as the Clerk to the Parish Council, Rev Kevin Price, and Councillor Sheila Capstick, District Councillor

Welcome: The Chairman, Chris Dodd, welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM

Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes: These were circulated. Acceptance was proposed by Enid Hastings, seconded by Jill Humphris and approved by all. They were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Annual Report: Gill Sykes, the Secretary, read the following:

The fourth Annual General Meeting of Casterton Community Trust took place on April 19th 2018 and the minutes were displayed on the village website and on notice boards. Copies are available tonight.

In the past year, only one grant application was received. The grant, towards the cost of a defibrillator, was approved and £1,160 was awarded.

Our thanks go to Joan Martin who has been a trustee for the last three years. As there were more than sufficient nominations for the vacancies, she decided not to stand for re-election. There were four nominees willing to stand for election so a ballot was held and the result will be announced later in this meeting. We also thank Martin Coombs who has been a co-opted trustee for the last six months and Ann Irvine who has been the Founder Trustee for the last year as they both finish their terms of office now.

The village of Casterton has benefited considerably over the last five years from the grants made and the trustees continue to be keen to attract grant applications and to raise awareness of the trust. No project is too small to be considered, providing it meets the eligibility criteria and has community benefit. The trustees urge individuals to consider improvements that might enhance the village and to make a grant application to the Community Trust.

Financial Statement:

The Treasurer presented the following and showed the bank statement with the same balance:

This time last year, the balance in our Current Account was £3,662.50p. Claim No. 15 submitted by Casterton Parish Council had been approved by the Trustees and the cheque for this claim which was issued on 19th. April for £1,160.00 reduced the balance to £2,502.50p.

On 5th. November last year we received a credit of £1,500.00p from Casterton/Sedbergh School thereby increasing the balance to £4,002.50p.

The only other item of expenditure since then has been a cheque to the Secretary for £31.20p for photocopying thus reducing our credit balance to £3,971.30p.

Appointment of new Trustees:

Nominations had been sought to elect three new trustees in February. There were four nominations (Chris Benson, Martin Coombs, Gavin Hazlett and Sandy Talbot) so an election was held. Counting of votes took place in Casterton Village Hall on Monday 8th April with Rev Kevin Price as scrutineer. The following have been elected as trustees for the next three years: Gavin Hazlett, Sandy Talbot and Chris Benson.

AOB: No items had been sent to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Informal AOB was invited. Ken Humphris commented that the number of claims was diminishing as time went by. He suggested further advertisement of the trust. Enid Hastings said that most claims had been presented by organisations within the village and that it was important that small group and individuals were aware that they could make applications if the grant would result in benefit to the community. Some suggestions (eg hire of hall for a new group to get started, kit for a local group getting set up, luncheon club for the elderly) were made and it was agreed that some ideas will be incorporated in future publicity.

Enid Hastings thanked the trustees on behalf of those present for all the work that they have done managing the trust.

There being no further business, Chris Dodd thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 19.56.